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SUBJECT: TURKEY TO SEND MOI OFFICIAL TO GLOBAL INITIATIVE
EXERCISE PLANNING GROUP EVENT

REF: A. STATE 101862
[1](#)B. ANKARA 1715

Classified By: Pol-Mil Counselor A. Godfrey, Reasons 1.4 (b,d)

[1](#)1. (SBU) The MFA confirmed on November 10 that the GOT will be represented at the November 13-14 Global Initiative Exercise Planning Group meeting (ref a) by Hasan Huseyin Gercek, a superintendent from the Ministry of Interior's Directorate General for Security Affairs.

[1](#)2. (C) Comment: To our knowledge, this marks the first time Turkey has sent an official from Ankara to attend a Global Initiative-related event since Cyprus joined the initiative in 2007. While we are encouraged that Turkey is sending a participant from capital, we do not believe this decision reflects a change in Turkey's general approach towards the Global Initiative. As MFA DDG for Nonproliferation and Disarmament Ahmet Gun told us when we initially delivered the demarche (ref b), Turkey will send a representative to expert or technical-level meetings if the subject matter is of interest, but will not send senior-level officials to attend GI-related meetings that are of a "political nature."

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